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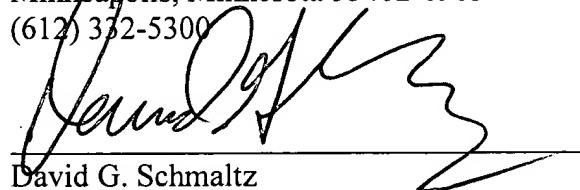
Dear Sir:

This Communication is being submitted to summarize the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on November 12, 1999. A first Office Action was issued by the United States Patent Office on August 30, 2000. A Response to the initial Office Action was filed by Applicants on November 21, 2000. In response to an interview, a Supplemental Amendment and Response was filed by Applicants on February 9, 2001. A second Office Action was issued by the United States Patent Office on February 14, 2001. This second Office Action failed to take into consideration the Supplemental Amendment and Response of February 9, 2001. Examiner Dawson was contacted by Applicants' attorney, Bruce Black, on April 18, 2001, to point out that the Supplemental Amendment and Response of February 9, 2001, was not considered in the Office Action of February 14, 2001. Examiner Dawson indicated that a new Office Action would be issued, and that no response was needed for the Office Action of February 14, 2001. Additional calls were made by Applicants to Examiner Dawson on June 13 and August 9, 2001. In both conversations, Examiner Dawson indicated that no response was necessary to the Office Action of February 14, 2001, and that a Supplemental Office Action restarting the date for response would be issued shortly.

Please contact the undersigned attorney at 612.336.4617 with any inquiries concerning this application.

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